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One of the known procedures for treating an enlarged prostate is thermal prostate therapy. During thermal prostate therapy, the prostate is heated above body temperature to remove the diseased tissue, whereby returning the prostate to normal size. Immediately after treatment, however, the prostate is still swollen or enlarged due to the therapeutic trauma induced by the procedure. It may take several weeks before the treated prostate recovers and no longer inhibits bladder drainage.



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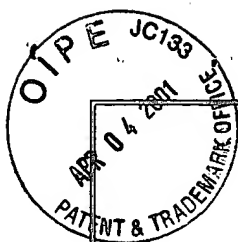
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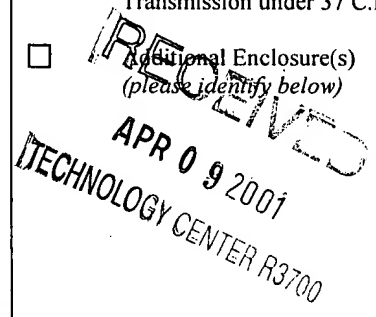


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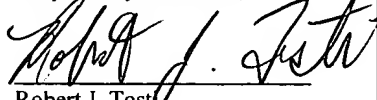
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